## Letters to the Editor

### To See the Queen

When the Queen visits Victoria this summer, why not have one afternoon strictly for the children? Would it not be possible to rent the Arena and let the children themselves do the entertaining? They could have drill-teams, dancing and perhaps a pageant representing the history of B.C., with one scene for the Indians only, with a native dance.

Surely all the schools in Victoria and the surrounding districts could provide enough entertainment for two or three hours. The Queen could then relax and be seen by all the children, with only enough teachers and adults to maintain order.

On the Queen's last visit, as Princess Elizabeth, many children went home cold, wet and disappointed after waiting a long time and just getting only a fleeting glimpse of her. Very much the same thing happened during the visit of Princess Margaret last summer.

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### The Hammer Collection

I feel sure that the more than 9,000 children and adults who enjoyed seeing the Hammer collection of old masters at the Art Gallery will wish to join the gallery's board of directors and staff in warmly thanking the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association for making this exceptional exhibition possible through their generous sponsorship.

It has been most heartening to everyone connected with the gallery to witness the astonishing crowds streaming in to this exhibition and to know that when we do manage to obtain an exceptional show, Victorians are ready to support and enjoy it in no uncertain manner.

The Hammer collection is but the first of many outstanding exhibitions which the erection of the Centennial Gallery now makes possible. Thank you, Victoria!

COLIN GRAHAM, Curator.

### Applauds Ferry Hoist

I have called Victoria my home for 30 years and have often availed myself of the pleasant, leisurely midnight run to Vancouver of the CPR. I am sure many businessmen find it a useful service also, as it replaces the somewhat hectic rush of the same trip by air.

But the people of Victoria, for the past 10 years at least, have agitated for more frequent air service to Vancouver. They now have it.

Those wishing to take cars to Vancouver need only drive to Nanaimo and take the ferry from there—the elapsed time is considerably less than taking the night boat from Victoria.

Those wishing to visit Seattle with their cars need only drive onto the Washington State Ferry, whose service is being increased to make up for the CPR reduction. Those wishing to get to Seattle faster may fly.

The people of Victoria and the government have the faster, more specialized air and ferry services to the mainland that they asked for. These have taken the trade away from the leisurely midnight boat run, forcing its curtailment. What's wrong with that?

I think the government, and the people of Victoria, instead of making shocked demands for continued CPR service, should join in extending a note of regretful apology for putting them out of business on the Victoria-Vancouver run and thanking them for their 49 years of excellent service to the city. I think the CPR is right.

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*Wicks Backs Debt Reduction:*

## Millions for Interest, Fraction for Jobless

VANCOUVER (CP)—Labor Minister Lyle Wicks of British Columbia said Monday the federal government's winter employment-aid program amounted to only $6,000,000, while $90,000,000 in federal funds was spent on interest charges and refinancing.

Mr. Wicks made the statement as he defended Social Credit's employment policies before 300 delegates attending the International Woodworkers of America convention here.

He said municipal assistance, hospital construction, school construction and development of the B.C. Power Commission gave an employment program unequalled in Canada.

His statements were the first he has made since the B.C. Federation of Labor organized a march on the legislature demanding provincial action to provide employment.

Mr. Wicks said the total winter works program of all governments across Canada amounts to $41,000,000.

"Of that, less than $12,000,000 represents the wages bill and the cost to the national government of the whole winter works program is less than $6,000,000."

On the other side of the picture, he said, the federal government has spent more than $90,000,000 in added interest payments on debt and refinancing.

"Ninety million dollars for interest and $6,000,000 for men," he said. "That's why we think debt reduction is so important."

LORAN SHEFFER and PAULINE GILES
... she still loves Louie

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## Pauline Wants to Go Home

# Mixed-Up Love Plot May Be Solved Soon

LANSING, Mich. (UPI) — Time is running out for the Chicago advertising man whose plot to take an English girl from her boy friend isn't meeting with much success.

In this mixed-up triangle, Loran has until Friday to convince Pauline she shouldn't marry Louie.

Pauline Giles, 24-year-old brunette from Eastcote, England, is a guest in the home of the parents of Loran Sheffer, 23, who wants her to marry him, not Louis Gaches, 23, back in Eastcote.

Two months ago, Pauline and Louis quarrelled and the English girl went alone to visit friends in the U.S. and "think things over." She met Loran, who fell in love, followed Pauline when she went home and tricked her into coming back to the U.S. with him.

When Gaches phoned Pauline yesterday, she said: "Loran's treating me well. Don't worry about anything. I love you and I'll be coming back to you, darling."

To reporters, she added: "I'm going to marry Louie. I love him and that's all there is to it."

Sheffer, still campaigning, said: "Pauline needs a little time to think things over. I think I could persuade her to marry me."

But Pauline made him promise that she can fly back to England on Friday, and that her sorrowful lover will show her "a wonderful time" before she leaves.

# U.K. Backs Tough Stand

LONDON (UPI) — Britain Monday proclaimed its full support for the tough American stand on Berlin and warned the Soviets that responsibility for any "risk of war" rests with them.

The foreign office issued an unusually strong statement agreeing fully with U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that the West will make no one-sided concessions to Russia.

Prime Minister Macmillan will explore the Berlin crisis further during a trip to Moscow Feb. 21.

In East Berlin, Communist East German chief Walter Ulbricht hinted that the Soviet Union would sign a separate peace treaty with East Germany if the West rejects the Soviet plan for a 30-nation peace treaty covering all Germany.

Dulles repeated in Washington Monday, on his return from a tour of London, Paris and Bonn, that the Western Allies have reached general agreement on steps they will take should the Communists blockade West Berlin.

Dulles stressed that the West was "willing to talk" to the Russians—a fact also emphasized by Britain.

**MEXICAN CATHEDRAL**

Foundations of the cathedral at Mexico City were laid in 1573.

## Salvation Army Favors New Home for Aged

Lt.-Col. Doris Barr of the Salvation Army in Toronto, told members of the Victoria Salvation Army advisory board that the prospects were good for construction of a new home for the aged at the Army's Mount Adelaide property in Victoria West.

Lt.Col. Barr said the Canadian advisory board in Toronto had approved in principle a home for fit aged persons and also for those who needed occasional nursing care.

"It would not provide facilities for those with chronic or acute illnesses," she said.

## It's a Long Crusade For Flag 'Salesman'

A Canadian national flag advocate travelled all the way to Victoria from a small town in southern Ontario just to explain his Maple Leaf flag design to the people of this area.

Florian Lagace, 33-year-old CNR station agent in Hawkesbury, Ont., during his one-day visit here said he doesn't care whether Canada adopts his flag. "If it helps them find a final design, I will be satisfied," he said.

His design, a large green maple leaf on a white field, with a red field in the upper left and lower right and a blue fields in the lower left and upper right, is known as the "Canadian Jack."

Mr. Lagace sent one of these flags to Mrs. John Diefenbaker last spring.


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